

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Applicant elects the species IX, upon which Claims 4 and 5 are readable.

Applicant reserves the right to claim the non-elected species in one or more divisional applications in the event that no generic claim is allowed.

It is noted that the Office Action Summary refers to Claims 1-5. In a Preliminary Amendment dated December 5, 2001, new Claim 6 was added and Claim 3 was amended.

An action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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